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THE INNOCENT CHEAT ✓

✓ Photoplay in six reels

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SYNOPSIS:

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For over a year Tim Rielly had noticed a great change coming over his pal, John Murdock, Construction Engineer for the Canadian Pacific Railroad Right of Way. He suspected that some great tragedy had entered into Murdock's life. His suspicions were confirmed when he found Murdock had resorted to liquor to help him forget his troubles. Rielly succeeded in exacting a confession from Murdock to the effect that a beautiful society woman he met and fell in love with, had cheated him in such a manner that he was ashamed to look any man in the eye. No matter how hard he tried to forget he found it impossible to do so.

As time wore on, Murdock's condition grew worse, and he finally made a grave error in ordering a train of workers over a trestle that wasn't strong enough to support them. The trestle broke, endangering the lives of the workers and Murdock was asked to resign.

Back in the City, Mary Stanhope, the cause of all Murdock's heartaches, was being sued by her millionaire husband Bruce Stanhope, for a divorce.

False evidence was used against Mary, but it mattered not to her; she was willing to suffer anything in order to be rid of Bruce whom she had learned to hate.

The divorce was granted, but to Mary's great surprise the custody of her little daughter Ruth was given to Bruce. Realizing what this would mean, Mary determined under no conditions would she part with her child, and with the Judge's permission, she made a complete confession of the facts to the Court.

She explained that her husband, Bruce Stanhope, was not respectable, he cared nothing for a home, but only for pleasure, and that she wanted a real home with little children.

Not being able to contend with the wild sort of life her husband wanted her to lead, she left New York and went to Canada. There she met John Murdock and they learned to love each other. Mary loved John Murdock so much she could not tell him that she was married. And when he asked her to wear his mother's wedding ring, she consented. Soon after she became conscious stricken and left Canada, explaining to Murdock that she was a married woman already, and they must forget each other.

She also explained to the Judge that the baby he is about to place in the custody of Bruce, is not his, but a child by her marriage, to John Murdock.

The divorce is granted and the baby is given to Mary.

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As the years pass, Murdock grows more careless and becomes a drunkard, still brooding over Mary. Some magnetic force draws her to the Northwoods. There she again meets Murdock but he has changed so much she hardly recognizes him.

She explains to him that she is divorced and that the baby is a child by their marriage.

At first Murdock is blinded by pent up rage and hatred. He takes Ruth away from Mary deciding to make her suffer as he has, but when he gets Ruth to his shack, something about the child makes him relent - she brings back the desire in him to be again the John Murdock he used to be. Putting forth a great effort, he tries to reform and be the John Murdock Mary knew, and he returns Ruth to her mother and tells her he is sorry for his act. He discovers that Mary stills loves him as of old, and they are re-married again and start life anew.

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